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Mr. Hawland Wood,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Availing myself of your offer to recommend me as an associate member of the American Numismatic Society, I enclose herewith the application form duly signed, which you sent me with your kind letter of Jan. 17.

My numismatic papers are almost all written in Japanese, but I was an occasional contributor to the late H. A. Ramsden's *Philatelic & Numismatic Journal of Japan*, in which you will find some of my writings in English.

I am much interested in Numismatics and will be very glad to join the American Numismatic Society. Among numismatic fraternity in Japan, I am member of several numismatic clubs, and also a vice-president of the Oriental

Numismatic Association (Tokyo),
the largest organization of its kind
in this country.

My collection of Korean Coins
comprising over 4000 specimens, is
the largest in the Far-East, or indeed
in the world probably. My collec-
tion of antique Chinese Spade and
knife money is also an important
one in Japan.

I have been in the service of the
Japan Mint for over 42 years, held
the post of Chief Assayer for 32 years
and at present am Chief of the
Operative Department.

The Imperial Mint at Osaka
publishes its Annual reports, and
if the American Numismatic Society
does not possess copies of these reports,
I shall be glad to take steps to
have the annual reports (English
Edition) sent to the Society regular-
ly.

Very truly yours
Y. Koga.

March 7th, 1923

Mr. Y. Koga
Imperial Mint
Osaka, Japan

Dear Sir:

Your application and letter of February 13th just received, and we are very glad to hear from you.

Our Treasurer, Mr. Reilly, is very much interested in Chinese and Japanese coins and has, probably, the largest collection in existence. In times past, he has bought a number of large collections in both Chinese and Japanese - probably, the two most important being the Ramsden and the Munro collections. In the event that you do not know the whereabouts of these two collections, I beg to state that they are now in our building. Mr. Reilly says that he will write you personally a little later; I think he has several questions he would like to ask you.

We have just received from you the Reports of the Director of the Imperial Mint for 1921 and 1922, for which we thank you very much. We should be very glad to receive further Reports and, if possible, any back numbers that you may have.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary & Curator

HW/E